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MERELY 5 MINUTES SINCE THE START OF THE GAME, SAGAMI GAURA HAS TAKEN THE LEAD!!
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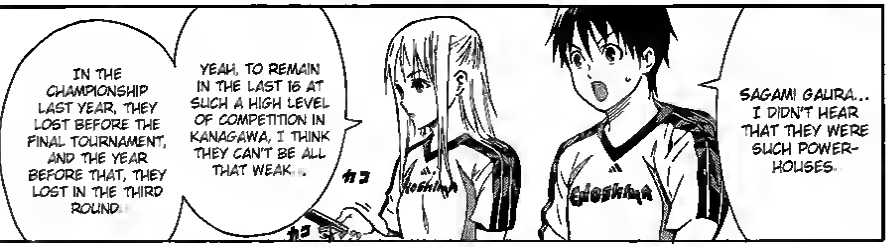
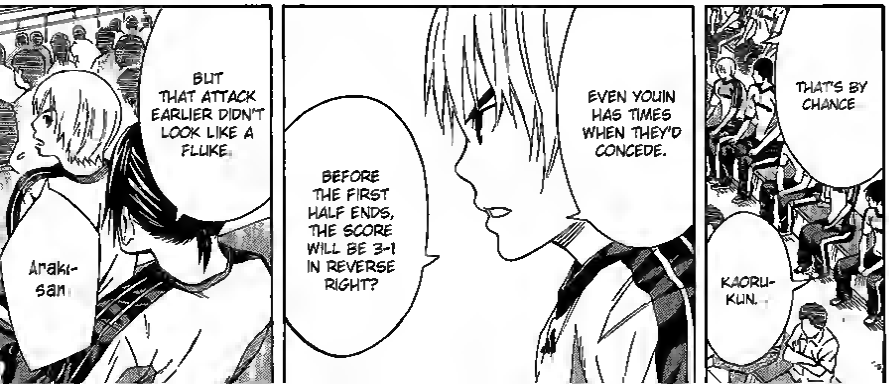

IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP LAST YEAR, THEY LOST BEFORE THE FINAL TOURNAMENT, AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT, THEY LOST IN THE THIRD ROUND.
YEAH, TO REMAIN IN THE LAST 16 AT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL OF COMPETITION IN KANAGAWA, I THINK THEY CAN'T BE ALL THAT WEAK.
SAGAMI GAURA... I DIDN'T HEAR THAT THEY WERE SUCH POWER-HOUSES.


BUT THAT ATTACK EARLIER DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A FLUKE.
Araki-san
BEFORE THE FIRST HALF ENDS, THE SCORE WILL BE 3-1 IN REVERSE RIGHT?
EVEN YOUIN HAS TIMES WHEN THEY'D CONCEDE.
THAT'S BY CHANCE
KAORU-KUN.

THAT ATTACK EARLIER IS SAID TO BE A FORMER IDEAL FOOTBALL STRATEGY
AS THOUGH "TOTAL FOOTBALL" WAS THE EMBODIED.
THAT ISN'T A FLUKE.
!
TOTAL FOOTBALL?

*"TOTAL FOOTBALL" - AKA "ALL ATTACK, ALL DEFEND FOOTBALL", "ALL ROUND FOOTBALL" THE DUTCH IN 1974 WERE THE FIRST TO USE THIS REVOLUTIONARY TACTIC.

*JOHAN CRUYFF (JOHAN CRUIJFF) AKA THE FLYING DUTCHMAN. DUTCH NATIONAL TEAM CAPTAIN IN THE 70'S

NO, STRICTLY SPEAKING THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF TOTAL FOOTBALL WAS REFERRED TO AS "SPIRAL THEORY"
THE TOTAL FOOTBALL NOW IS VERY DIFFERENT.
THE NETHERLANDS DURING CRUYFF'S ERA RIGHT? THAT'S A FEW DECADES AGO.
THAT FOOTBALL EARLIER IS LIKE TOTAL FOOTBALL, ISN'T IT?

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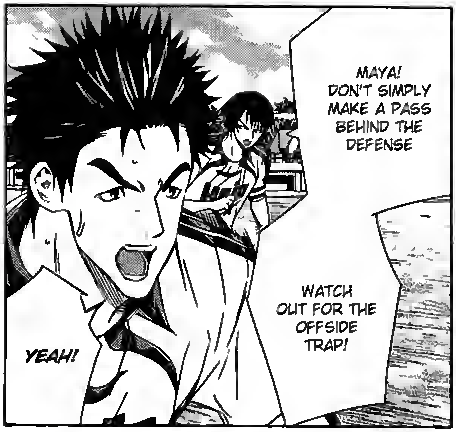
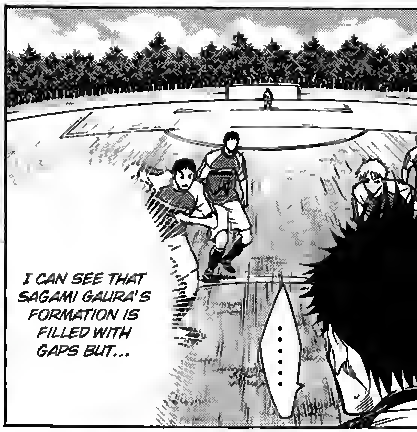
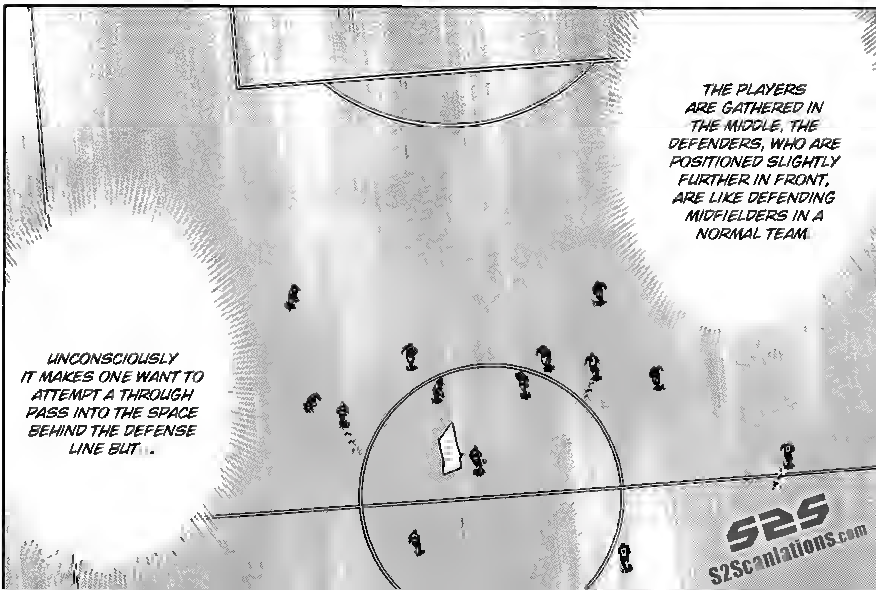
GENIUS CRUYFF AND THE DUTCH TEAM THEN SHOWED HOW IT WAS EMBODIED PERFECTLY.
TO THINK AND CHANGE, IT WAS SAID THAT SUCH DYNAMIC CONCEPTION WAS AN EMPTY THEORY BUT,
TO HAVE PLAYERS SWIRL BETWEEN POSITIONS AND ROLES
.....
I CAN'T MAKE A CONCLUSION BUT AT LEAST
FROM THE FLOW OF THINGS OF WHEN THEY STOLE THE BALL TO THE GOAL...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT SAGAMI GAURA IS DOING THAT?
Let's go about it calmly.
Let's not panic, Ikusawa-san.
I KNOW, ONIMARU.
.....

MAYA SHINSUKE DRIBBLES SLOWLY.
.....
THERE'S STILL 65 MINUTES LEFT, ADDING THE TIME IN BOTH HALVES.
PULL YOURSELVES TOGETHER, RESTART THE GAME, THE MATCH HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.






THE PLAYERS ARE GATHERED IN THE MIDDLE, THE DEFENDERS, WHO ARE POSITIONED SLIGHTLY FURTHER IN FRONT, ARE LIKE DEFENDING MIDFIELDERS IN A NORMAL TEAM.
UNCONSCIOUSLY IT MAKES ONE WANT TO ATTEMPT A THROUGH PASS INTO THE SPACE BEHIND THE DEFENSE LINE BUT...

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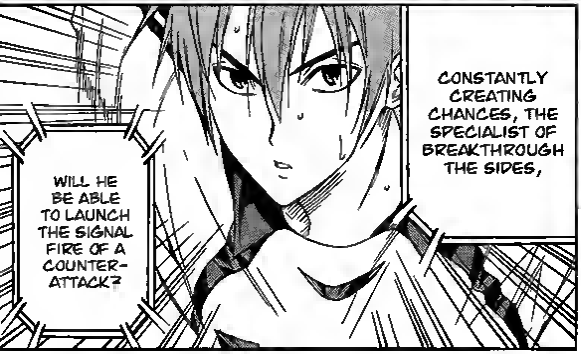
THE FORE-CHECKING IS UNSPARING
THEY'RE NOT GONNA LET US ATTACK SLOWLY!
TCH!


CONSTANTLY CREATING CHANCES, THE SPECIALIST OF BREAKTHROUGH THE SIDES,
WILL HE BE ABLE TO LAUNCH THE SIGNAL FIRE OF A COUNTER-ATTACK?

NOOOW, A PASS MADE TO ONIMARU!

WH-! THREE OF THEM!?
THAT'S "BALL HUNTING"
EH

Onimaru-san is challenging to break-through!
That person can't be stopped easily!

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SHIT... WHERE DID THESE GUYS SPRING OUT FROM!
THE PASS...
NO! IF I PASS FORWARD, WE'D FALL INTO THEIR OFFSIDE TRAP.
OH! BEING OUTNUMBERED, AS EXPECTED EVEN ONIMARU
HAS TO MAKE A BACK-PASS TO GET OUT OF IT.
IT'S AS IF THEY'RE A PACK OF HUNTING WOLVES,
PILING THE PLAYER WHO HAS THE BALL...
THE PASS IS RECEIVED BY DEFENDING MIDFIELDER SENDOU WHO WOULD START THE ATTACK AGAIN...

EVEN IF THE BALL IS STILL IN THE MIDDLE
THROUGH THE DIFFERENCE IN NUMBERS, THEY'D DEFINITELY STEAL THE BALL.
!
TSUGUHIDE!
Oh sh...
AND ONCE THEY GET THE BALL,
IN THAT INSTANT ALL THE PLAYERS..
THEY RETAIN THE BALL THROUGH FLUID PASSING.
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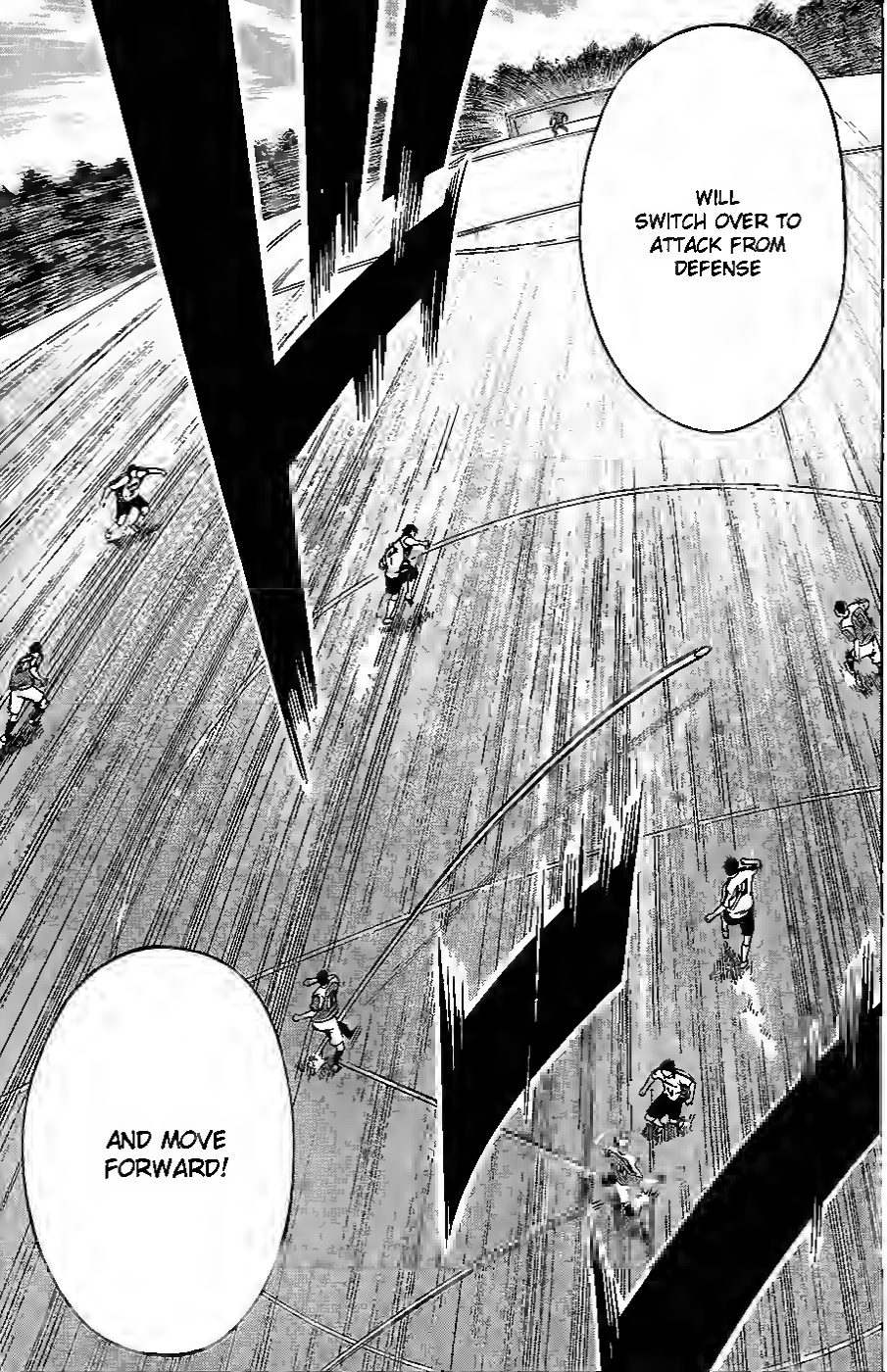
WILL SWITCH OVER TO ATTACK FROM DEFENSE
AND MOVE FORWARD!

AH... SAGAMI GAURA'S BEWILDERING PASSING...
LEFT YOUIN'S ELEVEN IN A DAZE.
THIS IS DANGEROUS!
THE KEY MEN ARE THAT NUMBER 14 AND..
Again that number 14, he scored that goal earlier.
ボン
CURRENTLY LEADING IN ATTACK, NUMBER 10, THOSE TWO GUYS.
EARLIER HE SCORED A GOAL AS A FORWARD, NOW HE'S PLAYING IN THE MIDDLE AS A MIDFIELDER!
JUST WHAT IS THIS SYSTEM!?
THE BALL'S BEEN PASSED TO NUMBER 14 TENDOU TSUGUHIDE!
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GO!
ANOTHER PASS? HE COULD STILL BREAK-THROUGH FROM THE SIDE.
MAYBE THAT'S THE POINT.
EH?
YES, THE FORMER DUTCH REPRESENTATIVES WHO EMBODIED TOTAL FOOTBALL HAD PLAYERS WHO WERE DRIBBLING EXPERTS.
HOWEVER THIS SAGAMI GAURA TEAM PRACTICALLY HAS NONE.
THUS BEFORE THE OPPONENTS ATTACK, THEY PASS THE BALL
THEREFORE THE BALL WON'T GET STOLEN.

TENDOU KAZUHIDE HAS THE BALL!
STARTING THE ATTACK EARLIER WITH A LONG PASS, NUMBER 10...
POSSESSING THE BALL LIKE THAT
UNTIL EITHER OF THE KEY MEN NUMBER 14 OR NUMBER 10 GETS A PASS...
.....!
PUTTING IN AN EARLY-CROSS FROM THE FAR SIDE...!

THE ACCURATE PASSING OF THESE TWO GUYS
CAN CREATE A CHANCE IMMEDIATELY.
Uwah! Before anyone noticed, there are already three guys outside Youin's area!
AND AFTER "BALL HUNTING", IT'S "GOAL HUNTING"
ALL THE PLAYERS WHO ARE IN FOR THE GOAL-SCORING OPPORTUNITY...

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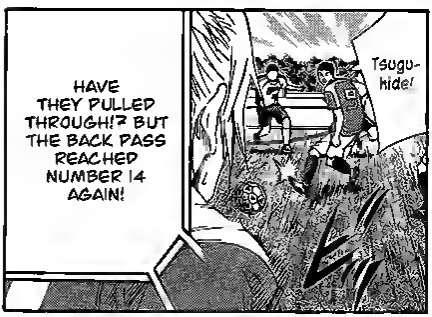

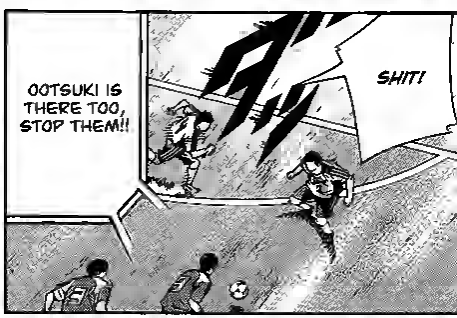

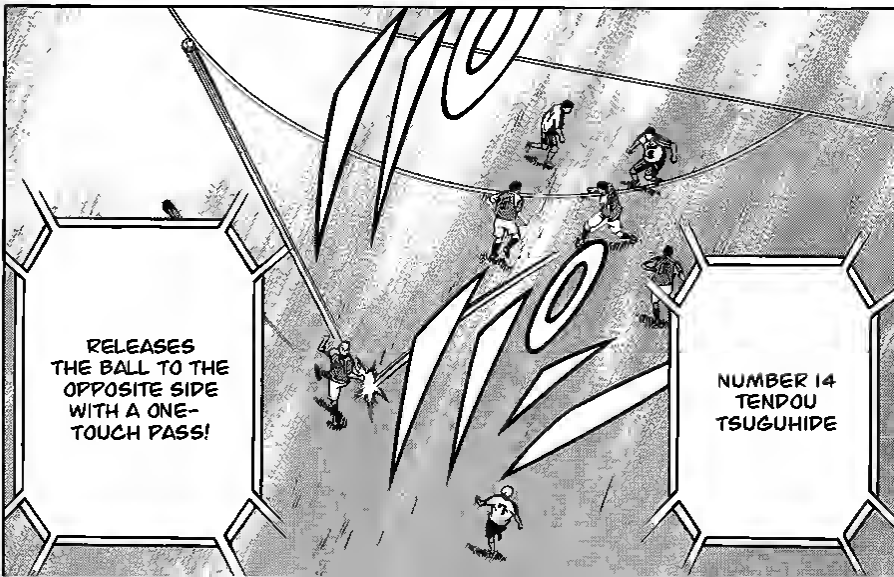

OH NO, NUMBER 10 TENDOU KAZUHIDE DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE MARKING HIM!
I'LL TAKE IT.
NO WAY! THEY'RE GOING TO GET A SECOND GOAL!?
!
ASUKA! SINCE WHEN!?

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!

IT'S BEEN CLEARED, IT'S BEEN CLEARED!!

YOUIN ACADEMY'S BEEN SAVED! EXPECTEDLY RELIABLE KANAGAWA'S NUMBER ONE DEFENDER...
THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE, LIBERO ASUKA, PULLED THROUGH!!

Don't mind it, Kazuhide! Try again with the next one!
Fuu... I'm disappointed.

IT'S A PITY!

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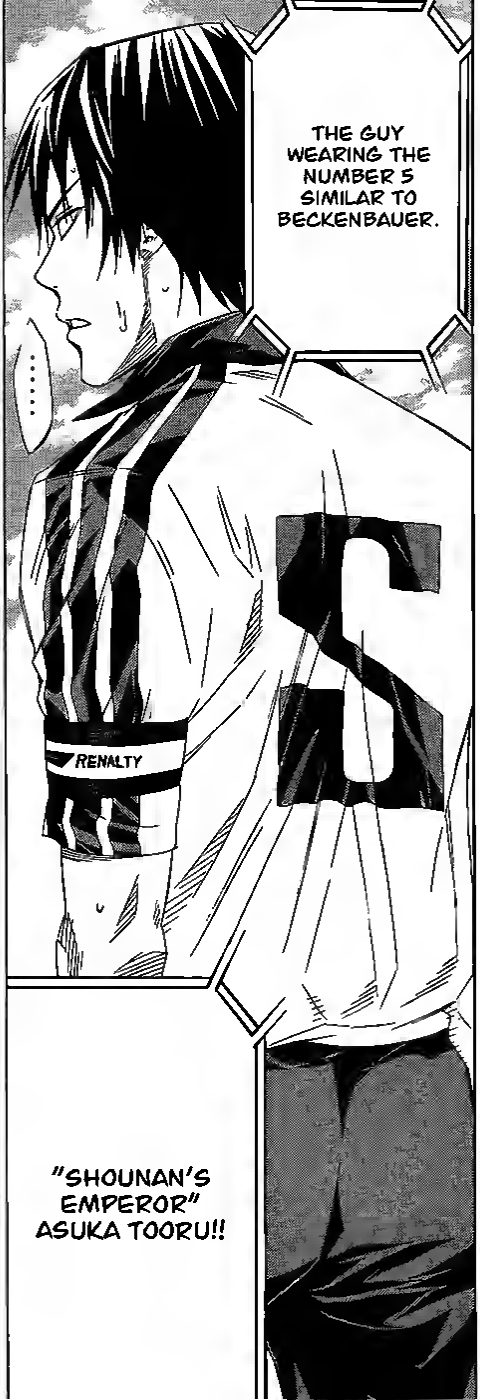
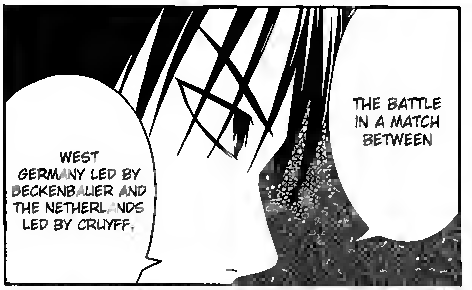

THE GUY WEARING THE NUMBER 5 SIMILAR TO BECKENBAUER.
.....
RENALTY
"SHOUNAN'S EMPEROR" ASUKA TOORU!!

YEAH, THAT ATTACK EARLIER WOULD'VE BEEN A CERTAIN GOAL IF IT WASN'T FOR ASUKA-SAN.
AW-AWESOME... I THOUGHT THEY WERE IN A DITCH BUT OUT OF NOWHERE ASUKA-SAN APPEARED AND CLEARED THE BALL...



*FRANZ BECKENBAUER: A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GERMAN TEAM IN THE 60'S AND 70'S, NICKNAME "THE EMPEROR" (DE.: KAISER BECKENBAUER)

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YES, THE ACE WEARING NUMBER 10
AND WEARING THE SAME NUMBER 14 AS CRUYFF,
TENDOU KAZUHIDE-KUN.
THE YOUNGER BROTHER, TSUGUHIDE-KUN.
IF THEY CAN'T PREVENT THESE TWO TENDOU BROTHERS DIRECTING THE "NEW TOTAL FOOTBALL"..
SAGAMI GAURA MIGHT JUST WALK AWAY WITH A DAZZLING VICTORY FROM THIS MATCH.

!
THE KING YOUIN...
MIGHT LOSE?